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An Act to amend the Patents Act 1990

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

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1. This Act may be cited as the Patents Amendment Act 1995.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Amendment of the Patents Act 1990

3. The Patents Act 1990 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Section 3

AMENDMENT OF THE PATENTS ACT 1990

1. Section 59:

Add at the end:

"(2) Regulations made for the purposes of this section may provide for the dismissal of an opposition by the Commissioner in accordance with the regulations. If the regulations so provide, they must also provide for a review of, or an appeal against, the Commissioner's decision.".

2. Paragraph 88(2)(b):

Omit "or 48", substitute "or 47".

3. Subsection 98(1):

Omit "immediately".

4. Subsection 98(2):

After "available" insert "only".

5. Subsection 99(2):

Add at the end "or 107".

6. Section 111:

Repeal the section.

7. Subsection 114(2):

After "use of the invention" insert "(as described in the complete specification as filed)".

8. Paragraph 142(4)(a):

Omit the paragraph.

9. Section 204:

Omit "section 21", substitute "section 15B".

10. Paragraph 228(2)(d):

Omit the paragraph.

11. After subsection 234(3):

Insert:

"(3A) In subsection (3), this Act does not include the regulations.

Note: Subsection (3A) is a response to comments made by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in Re Franke and Commissioner of Patents (1993) 29 ALD 801.".

SCHEDULE—continued

12. Schedule 1 (definition of supply):

Omit the definition, substitute:

- "supply includes:
 - (a) supply by way of sale, exchange, lease, hire or hire-purchase; and
 - (b) offer to supply (including supply by way of sale, exchange, lease, hire or hire-purchase).".

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